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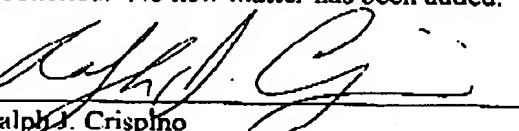
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application. Claims 1-44 were examined. By this response, claims 1-7, 20-26 and 35 are canceled. Claims 8-10, 14, 15, 18, 34 and 40 are amended.

Claim 35 was not indicated as rejected, objected to or allowed. However, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim would be allowable. Therefore, the limitations of original claim 35 have been included in claim 34, and the dependency of claim 40 has been amended from claim 35 to claim 34.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claim 8 overcome the rejection of claims 8-19 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-7 and 20-26 are canceled herein, thus the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) should be removed.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. No new matter has been added.

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